

Chairperson's Statement On Changes To Open Skies Airfields And Associated Maximum Flight Distances

Annex A, Section III provides a list of maximum flight distances (MFDs) for observation flights originating from each Open Skies Airfield (OSA) at the time of signature of the Treaty. Since that time, several States Parties have significantly changed their OSAs and their associated MFDs. Consequently considerable consultation has been conducted by States Parties to address ambiguities and differences of interpretation of the Treaty with regard to the changes to the list of OSAs and associated MFDs.

During these deliberations OSAs and their associated MFDs have been closely examined. Several States Parties have voiced concern regarding the upper limits of MFDs and their ability to actually conduct observation flights in excess of 6,500 km within the 96-hour period, suggesting the possibility of extending the 96-hour period per Article VI, Section I, paragraph 9. Other States Parties challenged such an interpretation and asserted that it was operationally possible to conduct observation flights up to 7200 km.

In an effort to facilitate a common understanding of the changes made to OSAs and their associated MFDs, listed hereunder are the current OSAs and associated MFDs as notified by all States Parties.

This list does not replace Annex A, Section III. It does, however, identify key elements that will serve as a reference for future changes to OSAs and associated MFDs pursuant to OSCC Decision No. 3 (OSCC. DEC/3/04) including:

- The minimum MFD for each State Party's OSA(s);
- The minimum number of OSAs for each State Party;
- The largest MFD for each State Party's OSA(s).

The list of Open Skies airfields and associated maximum flight distances:

The Federal Republic of Germany

Koeln/Bonn	1,300 kilometres
Neubrandenburg	1,300 kilometres
Ingolstadt	1,300 kilometres

The United States of America

Wright Patterson AFB	4,900 kilometres
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Travis AFB	4,250 kilometres
Elmendorf AFB	3,750 kilometres
McConnell AFB	4,800 kilometres

The Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation group of States Parties

Kubinka	5,500 kilometres
Novosibirsk	5,000 kilometres
Khabarovsk	5,900 kilometres
With Commander Islands	6,500 kilometres
Tiksi	7,200 kilometres

Benelux

Zaventem/Melsbroek	945 kilometres
Volkel	945 kilometres

The Republic of Bulgaria

Sofia	660 kilometres
Burgas	660 kilometres

Canada

Trenton (Ottawa)	5,400 kilometres
Iqaluit	6,150 kilometres
Yellowknife	5,100 kilometres

The Kingdom of Denmark

Aalborg	1,400 kilometres
Vagar	250 kilometres
Soendre Stroemfjord Intl	5,600 kilometres

The Kingdom of Spain

Getafe	1,800 kilometres
with Balearic Islands	2,000 kilometres
Gando	750 kilometres

The French Republic

Orleans-Bricy	2,078 kilometres
with Corsica	2,715 kilometres

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Brize Norton	1,500 kilometres
Leuchars	1,500 kilometres

The Hellenic Republic

Thessaloniki	1,010 kilometres
Larisa	1,010 kilometres
Iraklin/Nikos Kazantakis	910 kilometres
with Kastelorizon Island	1,170 kilometres

The Republic of Hungary

Kecskemet	860 kilometres
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The Republic of Iceland

Keflavik	1,500 kilometres
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The Italian Republic	
Ciampino	2,015 kilometres
The Kingdom of Norway	
Oslo-gardermoen	1,700 kilometres
Bardufoss	1,700 kilometres
The Republic of Poland	
Warszawa-okęcie	1,400 kilometres
The Portuguese Republic	
Lisboa	1,200 kilometres
Sta. Maria	1,700 kilometres
Porto Santo	1,030 kilometres
Romania	
Bucharest-otopeni	900 kilometres
Timisoara	900 kilometres
Bacau	900 kilometres
The Czech Republic	
Pardubice	800 kilometres
The Slovak Republic	
Malacky	1170 kilometres
The Republic of Turkey	
Eskisehir	1,500 kilometres
Diyarbakir	1,500 kilometres
Ukraine	
Borispol	2,100 kilometres
The Kingdom of Sweden	
Uppsala	1,700 kilometres
Ronneby	1,700 kilometres
Lulea	1,700 kilometres
Stockholm/arlanda	1,700 kilometres
The Republic of Finland	
Helsinki-vantaa	1,400 kilometres
Rovaniemi	1,400 kilometres
Georgia	
Tiblisi-lochino	1,255 kilometres
The Republic of Latvia	
Riga Intl	800 kilometres